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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, SF
SUBJECT: SAG INTENSIFIES ANTI-GUERRILLA ACTION

REF: PRETORIA 2250

1. LEAD STORY IN APRIL 26 PRO-SAG "CITIZEN" REPORTED THAT
THE SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY POLICE HAVE BEGUN A "MAJOR DRIVE"
TO CATCH "TERRORISTS" ALONG SOUTH AFRICA'S NORTHERN
BORDERS. ARTICLE BY JAAP THERON CLAIMED THAT "A LARGE
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NUMBER" OF ARMED AND COMMUNIST TRAINED GUERRILLAS HAVE
BEEN CAUGHT IN RECENT DAYS AND THAT THE POLICE ARE PAYING
PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE BOTSWANAN BORDER ALONG THE
NORTHERN CAPE AND TRANSVAAL PROVINCES. THERON
REPORTED AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF POLICE PATROLS
AND ROADBLOCKS AND SPECULATED THAT THE MINISTER OF
POLICE, MIMMY KRUGER, MAY SOON CALL ON ALL SOUTH

AFRICANS TO EXERCISE VIGILANCE WHEN ENCOUNTERING
STRANGERS IN THE AREA.

2. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE LAUDS POLICE ACTION IN
CATCHING YOUTH WHO SEEK TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA FOR
MILITARY TRAINING AS WELL AS TRACKING DOWN THOSE
WHO RECEIVE MILITARY TRAINING ABROAD AND ATTEMPT TO
RE-ENTER SOUTH AFRICA WITH ARMS. ARTICLE PLACED
CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON "TERRORIST" DANGER AND
CLAIMED THAT EFFECTIVE ACTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
POSSIBLE WITHOUT SECURITY LEGISLATION ON THE BOOKS.
THERON NOTED THAT THE RECENT CLAIM BY THE CHIEF OF THE
SECURITY POLICE, BRIGADIER C.F.ZIETSMAN, THAT AT
LEAST 2300 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO COURT UNDER
THE TERRORISM ACT AND OTHER SECURITY LEGISLATION
SINCE 1976.

3. COMMENT: APPEARANCE OF SECOND ARTICLE IN RECENT
WEEKS ON A GUERRILLA THREAT WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA MAY
PRESAGE INTRODUCTION OF NEW AND OR TIGHTENING OF
EXISTING SECURITY LEGISLATION BEFORE PARLIAMENT
ADJOURNS IN JUNE. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SOURCES,
ZIETSMAN'S CLAIM THAT 2300 PERSONS HAVE BEEN
CHARGED UNDER THE SECURITY LAWS IS "ABSURD" AND
VASTLY INFLATED.

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